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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the stocks were insured? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice, Sir."

Representations from the Tiruchy District Board Tamil Pandits' Union.

* 392 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from Tiruchy District Board Tamil Pandits' Union in October 1952 regarding the pay and other conditions of service of pandits and munshis in private institutions;

(*b*) whether a deputation on behalf of the said Union waited on the Hon. Minister for Education at Tiruchy on 19th October 1952 and represented the grievances of pandits and munshis; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government took any steps to redress their grievances?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The requests related in the main to the modification of the orders already issued by Government so as to allow the pandits without the prescribed qualifications the scales of pay admissible to pandits of the first grade. So it was not considered feasible because these applied to all categories of pandits. But certain grievances were attended to, for example, the privilege of probation and the privilege of increments to mere oriental title holders who were on temporary service were conceded."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, after long consultation and deliberations, Government were pleased to revise the scales of pay for Tamil pandits and munshis. Are the Government aware that in spite of the fact that higher scales of pay were sanctioned for Tamil pandits, some of the local bodies are niggardly enough to reduce the scales of pay? For instance the District Board, Tiruchirappalli, and the Corporation of Madras are not paying the scales of pay sanctioned by Government."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" If specific complaints are made they will be looked into."

SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR :—" Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of abolishing the several classes of pandits and munshis and unify them into one class? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no question of abolishing several classes. In 1948 Government decided that certain qualifications should be prescribed for grade I pandits and certain other qualifications for grade II pandits. This is all."

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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that pandits with only oriental titles were getting a higher scale of pay than that of the secondary grade teachers in pre-independence days and in view of the fact that the scale has now been fixed at a rate lower than that of the secondary grade teachers by the previous Congress Government and in view of the fact that regional languages are now supposed to be treated as first languages, will this Government consider the advisability of raising the pay of these pandits at least to the level where it was, if not more? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the pandits are expected to possess certain qualifications. Where they satisfy the rule regarding qualifications, they get the revised scale now in force."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, responding to the request of the Hon. the Minister for Education I am giving him the specific instance of the Corporation of Madras. The Corporation has not given effect to the revised scales of pay to the Tamil pandits. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter and redress the grievances of the teachers? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be considered."

Supply of power to Upper Pennar Project work from Rayadrug.

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3-50 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa is not present, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any investigation has started regarding the supply of power to Upper Pennar Project work from Rayadrug (via) Kalyandrug and Kambadur ; and

(*b*) if so, when the power will be supplied to Upper Pennar Project work?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Representations from the Malabar newspaper editors regarding power supply.

* 394 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation to stop the cut in electricity by representatives of the Malabar newspaper editors ; and